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SUBJECT: IRAQI-MOROCCAN RELATIONS

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1. MOROCAN AMB MOHAMMAD NACIRI, WHO IS DEPARTING MAY 9 FOR REASSIGNMENT IN JIDDA, TOLD ME MAY 3 THAT HE IS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH IMPROVEMENT IN IRAQ-MOROCCAN RELATIONS DURING HIS THREE YEAR TOUR.

2. HE CONFIRMED REPORT IN REFAIR THAT IRAQ WILL PROVIDE ONE-THIRD OF MOROCCO'S OIL IMPORTS IN 1975; I.E. ONE MILLION TONS. HE SAID ONLY PRICE CONCESSION GIVEN WAS DEFERRED PAYMENT, BUT DID NOT REVEAL LENGTH OF TIME.

3. NACIRI ALSO PLEASED ABOUT CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT THAT WILL
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PERMIT TWO WEEKLY FLIGHTS BAGHDAD-CASABLANCA (WITH INTERMEDIATE

STOPS) BY BOTH AIR MAROC AND IRAQI AIRWAYS.

4. NACIRI SAID CULTURAL ACCORD BEING NEGOTIATED IN WHICH MOROCCO WILL INSIST ON SAME PROVISIONS INCLUDED IN TUNISIAN AND JORDANIAN AGREEMENTS (BAGHDAD 429 AND 477) THAT MOROCCAN "STUDENTS", OF WHOM THREE ARE 70, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND ALL FUTURE STUDENTS WILL BE RECRUITED ONLY THROUGH MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT.

5. NACIRI IS CONVINCED IRAQ HAS GIVEN UP SPREAD OF BAATHISM IN INTEREST OF ITS STRICTLY NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THAT BAATH PAN-ARAB LEADERSHIP IS FINISHED AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN IRAQI DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

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